

~~SECRET~~

Journal

Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday - 13 May 1955

- - - - -

1. I talked with Cong. Ford (R., Mich.) regarding attacks which were made on the Agency in a recent news interview by Cong. Brownson (R., Ind.) as well as through his introduction of a bill for a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence. I told Mr. Ford that I was particularly concerned lest Brownson take the opportunity of Floor debate on the CIA building to renew his charges. I said that I would like to get together with Brownson to discuss some of his allegations in an informal way. Mr. Ford thought that such an approach might be very helpful and offered to arrange a meeting. He subsequently called me to state that Mr. Brownson would be glad to see me at any time and that I should set up an appointment, which I will now do.

2. The Director has found it necessary to cancel his May 23 luncheon with Sen. Fulbright, and as the Senator will not be available May 24, an open date on the Director's lunch schedule, I have moved Cong. Frelinghuysen's luncheon into that date.

3. It should be noted in connection with Sen. Symington's luncheon with the Director on 16 May that the Senator is Chairman of the Subcommittee of the Senate Public Works Committee which considers legislation on public buildings and grounds. Thus, it is the Symington Subcommittee which is currently handling S. 1290 which will authorize the Southwest Development project. The subcommittee is now considering wording this legislation in such a way as to allow GSA to negotiate directly in construction contracts here which would in turn clear the way for negotiating with Zeckendorf. Sen. Symington is also a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

~~SECRET~~